

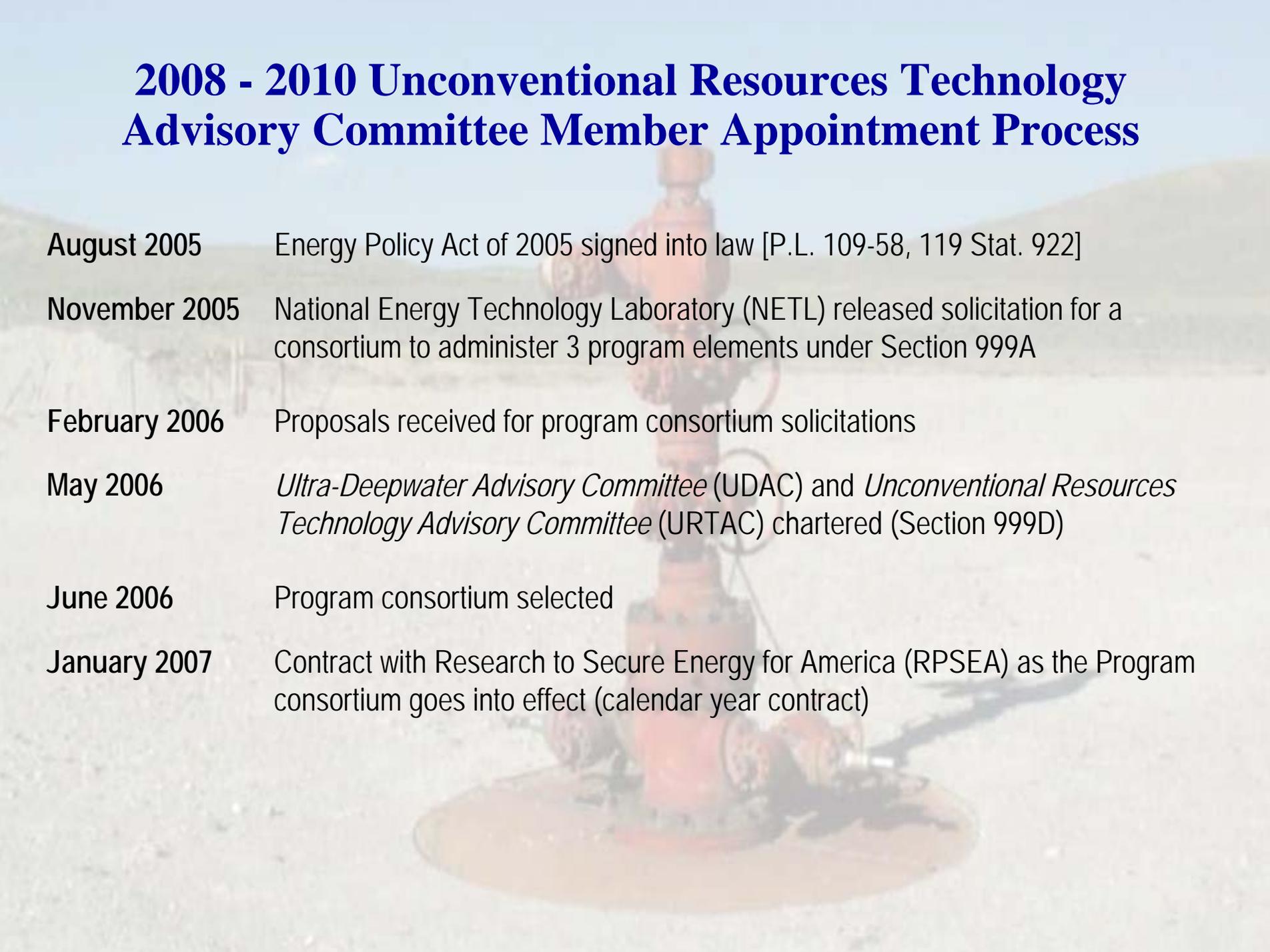
The background of the slide is a faded photograph of an oil pumpjack (a nodding donkey) in a desert setting. The pumpjack is a large, red, mechanical device used for extracting oil from a well. It is positioned in the center of the frame, with its shadow cast on the ground to the right. The landscape is arid, with low hills in the distance under a clear blue sky.

# **Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee**

**September 11-12, 2008**

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# 2008 - 2010 Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee Member Appointment Process

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- August 2005** Energy Policy Act of 2005 signed into law [P.L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 922]
- November 2005** National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) released solicitation for a consortium to administer 3 program elements under Section 999A
- February 2006** Proposals received for program consortium solicitations
- May 2006** *Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee (UDAC) and Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee (URTAC) chartered (Section 999D)*
- June 2006** Program consortium selected
- January 2007** Contract with Research to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) as the Program consortium goes into effect (calendar year contract)

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- May 2007** UDAC and URTAC members appointed for 2007-2008
- June-July 2007** Advisory Committees meet to review 2007 Annual Plan and deliver written recommendations to the Secretary of Energy
- August 2007** 2007 Annual Plan published; DOE/Fossil Energy (FE) receives FY07 funds; RPSEA receives initial research funding
- October 2007** Program consortium releases initial request for proposals for the Small Producer Program Element and for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Element
- November 2007** NETL Complementary Research Program receives initial funding
- November 2007** Program consortium releases initial request for proposals for the Ultra-Deepwater Program Element

# 2008 - 2010 Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee Member Appointment Process

- January 2008      Advisory Committees meet to review 2008 Annual Plan
- February 2008      2007 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress
- February 2008      Program consortium selects 7 projects for Small Producer Program Element
- March 2008      Advisory Committees meet to complete review of 2008 Annual Plan and provide written recommendations; final report delivered to the Secretary
- March 2008      Program consortium selects 19 projects for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Element
- June 2008      Technical Committee [Section 999H(d)(4)] determines that the NETL Complementary Research Program is not duplicative of the consortium-administered program
- June 2008      Fieldwork for audit completed

# 2008 - 2010 Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee Member Appointment Process

- July 2008            Advisory Committees renewal charters signed
- July 2008            Program consortium announces additional selections of 9 projects for Ultra-Deepwater Program Element
- August 2008        2008 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress and published in the Federal Register
- August 2008        DOE/FE receives FY08 funds
- August 2008        Audit report received by DOE & GAO
- August 2008        UDAC & URTAC members appointed for 2008-2010
- September 2008    UDAC & URTAC meet to begin draft review of Draft 2009 Annual Plan
- October 2008        UDAC & URTAC meet to hear and discuss Subcommittee reports, determine final recommendations, and adjourn work on the Draft 2009 Annual Plan